

**Reply Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 — Expedited Procedure  
Technology Center 1641**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: Interleukin-1 Beta Converting Enzyme Like      Examiner: C. Foster  
Apoptosis Protease-3 and -4

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 17, 2007, please consider the following amendments and remarks. Applicants submit a Petition for an Extension of Time (two months, to and including March 17, 2008) with appropriate fee concurrently herewith.

Please amend the application as follows: